EXECUTIVE BRANCH
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-02
Amending Executive Order 2021-01
Safely Sunsetting Face Mask Coverings

I, Reggie Wassana, Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution, issue the following Executive Order:

On May 4, 2021, I issued Executive Order 2021-01 detailing a series of measured steps to safely end COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings and businesses and set a timeline to safely rescind numerous other executive orders that will no longer be necessary. Since I issued Executive Order 2021-01, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") released new recommendations advising that vaccinated people are not required to wear face coverings in most places. Throughout our COVID-19 response, we have followed the science and adhered to public health guidance. Consistent with that approach, we continue to urge individuals who have not been vaccinated to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces in accordance with CDC and Cheyenne and Arapaho Covid Task Force recommendations. Given the CDC’s new guidance, our progress on vaccine administration, and encouraging trends in our key public health risk metrics, this Executive Order lifts face-covering requirements in most settings.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. All people who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in accordance with our Covid Task Force and CDC recommendations until they are fully vaccinated.

2. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 4 of Executive Order 2021-01, paragraphs 10, 11 and 12(3) of Executive Order 2021-01 are rescinded immediately.

3. Individuals must continue to comply with relevant CDC Orders, as long as those orders remain in effect. This includes the CDC’s January 29, 2021 Order requiring face coverings on public transportation, available at https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html.

4. Paragraph 12(4)(ii) of Executive Order 2021-01, relating to educational and care services for children and youth, including Childcare, Emergency Youth Shelter and Headstart, remain in effect. However, exemptions will be allowed for employees who can show they have a religious
belief that goes against vaccines or if they can show that they have legitimate medical issues that would prevent them from taking the vaccine.

5. **Enhanced measures permitted.** Nothing in this Executive Order or previous executive orders should be construed to prohibit or prevent tribal businesses and casinos from implementing, within their facilities and pursuant to applicable law and authority, restrictions beyond the restrictions contained in this Executive Order, as long as those additional restrictions have a real or substantial relation to the public health crisis caused by COVID-19. However, tribal businesses and casinos may not relax or reduce this Executive Order’s restrictions. In other words, to the extent that they have authority to do so, tribal businesses and casinos may take actions that are more protective of the public health including the lawful face-covering requirements but may not take actions that are less protective of the public health.

As noted, this Executive Order is effective immediately and shall supersede any provisions found in all previous Executive Orders unless otherwise noted. It remains in effect until the emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-01 is terminated or until it is rescinded by proper authority.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as thereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of Records and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, its departments, programs, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto signed this Order on this 20th day of May 2021.

Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes